

# MATH 2060 TUTOR

Def. Let  $I \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  be an interval,  $f: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a fcn,  $c \in I$ .

• We say that  $f$  is differentiable at  $c \in I$  if

$$f'(c) := \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c} \quad \text{exists}$$

We call  $f'(c)$  the derivative of  $f$  at  $c$ .

• We say that  $f$  is diff. on  $I$  if  $f'(x)$  exists  $\forall x \in I$ .

## Thm 6.2.4 (Mean Value Thm)

Suppose •  $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is cts ( $a < b$ )  
•  $f'(x)$  exists  $\forall x \in (a, b)$

Then  $\exists c \in (a, b)$  s.t.

$$\frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a} = f'(c).$$

Thm 6.2.7 Let  $f: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be diff. on an interval  $I$ . Then

a)  $f$  is increasing on  $I \iff f'(x) \geq 0 \quad \forall x \in I$

b)  $f$  is decreasing on  $I \iff f'(x) \leq 0 \quad \forall x \in I$

Example (§6.1 Ex 7)

Suppose that  $f$  is diff. at  $c$  and that  $f(c) = 0$ .

Show that  $g(x) := |f(x)|$  is diff. at  $c$  iff  $f'(c) = 0$ .

Ans:  $\forall x \neq c,$

$$\frac{g(x) - g(c)}{x - c} = \frac{|f(x)| - |f(c)|}{x - c} = \operatorname{sgn}(x - c) \left| \frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c} \right|$$

since  $f(c) = 0$ .

$$\text{Here } \operatorname{sgn}(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x > 0 \\ -1 & \text{if } x < 0. \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Then } \lim_{x \rightarrow c^+} \frac{g(x) - g(c)}{x - c} = \lim_{x \rightarrow c^+} \operatorname{sgn}(x - c) \left| \frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c} \right| = |f'(c)|$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c^-} \frac{g(x) - g(c)}{x - c} = \lim_{x \rightarrow c^-} \operatorname{sgn}(x - c) \left| \frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c} \right| = -|f'(c)|$$

$$\text{Since } \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{g(x) - g(c)}{x - c} \text{ exists iff } \lim_{x \rightarrow c^+} \frac{g(x) - g(c)}{x - c} = \lim_{x \rightarrow c^-} \frac{g(x) - g(c)}{x - c},$$

$$\text{so } g'(c) \text{ exists iff } |f'(c)| = -|f'(c)| \\ \text{iff } f'(c) = 0. \quad //$$

Example (§ 6.1) Ex(3)

If  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is diff. at  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ , show that

$$f'(c) = \lim (n \{ f(c + \frac{1}{n}) - f(c) \})$$

However, show by example that the existence of the limit of this seq. does not imply the existence of  $f'(c)$

Ans: Since  $f$  is diff. at  $c$ ,

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(c+h) - f(c)}{h} = f'(c)$$

Consider the seq  $\{h_n\}$ ,  $h_n := \frac{1}{n}$ ,  
we have  $h_n \neq 0$  and  $\lim(h_n) = 0$

By Sequential Criterion for Limits of fcn's,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(c+h_n) - f(c)}{h_n} = f'(c)$$

$$\text{i.e. } f'(c) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n [f(c + \frac{1}{n}) - f(c)]$$

For the counterexample, one may consider the Dirichlet fcn

$$f(x) := \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \in \mathbb{Q} \\ 0 & \text{if } x \notin \mathbb{Q} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } n[f(c + \frac{1}{n}) - f(c)] &= \begin{cases} n(1-1) & \text{if } c \in \mathbb{Q} \\ n(0-0) & \text{if } c \notin \mathbb{Q} \end{cases} \\ &= 0 \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}. \end{aligned}$$

However,  $f'(c)$  DNE for any  $c \in \mathbb{R}$   
since  $f$  is discts everywhere

### Example (§6.2 Ex 8)

Let  $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be cts on  $[a, b]$  and diff. on  $(a, b)$ .

Show that if  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f'(x) = A$ ,  
then  $f'(a)$  exists and equal  $A$ .

Ans: Idea: By MVT,  $\frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a} = f'(c_x) \rightarrow A$   
as  $x \rightarrow a^+$

Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ .

Since  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f'(x) = A$ ,  $\exists \delta > 0$  s.t.  
if  $x \in (a, b)$  and  $0 < |x - a| < \delta$ ,  
we have  $|f'(x) - A| < \varepsilon$

Fix  $x \in (a, b)$  s.t.  $0 < |x - a| < \delta$ .

Apply Mean Value Thm to the interval  $[a, x]$ .

Then  $\exists c_x \in (a, x)$  s.t.

$$\frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a} = f'(c_x)$$

Note  $0 < c_x - a < x - a < \delta$ .

$$\text{Hence } \left| \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a} - A \right| = |f'(c_x) - A| < \varepsilon$$

$$\text{Therefore } \lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow a \\ x \in [a, b]}} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a} = A$$

Since  $a$  is the left end pt. of  $[a, b]$ , it means  
 $f'(a) = A$

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### Example (§6.2 Ex 5)

Let  $a > b > 0$  and let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  satisfy  $n \geq 2$ .

Prove that  $a^{1/n} - b^{1/n} < (a-b)^{1/n}$

Ans: Divide  $b^{1/n}$  on both sides, we have

$$\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^{\frac{1}{n}} - 1 < \left(\frac{a}{b} - 1\right)^{\frac{1}{n}}$$

$$\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^{\frac{1}{n}} - \left(\frac{a}{b} - 1\right)^{\frac{1}{n}} < 1$$

This leads us to consider the fcn  $f(x) := x^{\frac{1}{n}} - (x-1)^{\frac{1}{n}}$  for  $x \geq 1$ .

Let  $f(x) := x^{\frac{1}{n}} - (x-1)^{\frac{1}{n}}$  for  $x \geq 1$ .

Then  $f'(x) = \frac{1}{n}x^{\frac{1}{n}-1} - \frac{1}{n}(x-1)^{\frac{1}{n}-1}$  for  $x > 1$ . ( $f'(1)$  DNE)

Moreover, for  $x > 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} x &> x-1 > 0 \\ \Rightarrow 0 &< x^{\frac{1}{n}-1} < (x-1)^{\frac{1}{n}-1} \quad \text{since } \frac{1}{n}-1 < 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) < 0$$

As  $f$  is cts on  $[1, x]$  and diff. on  $(1, x)$

MVT implies that  $\exists c_x \in (1, x)$  s.t.

$$\frac{f(x) - f(1)}{x - 1} = f'(c_x) \quad (< 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) < f(1)$$

$$\text{Hence } f(x) < 1 \quad \forall x > 1.$$

Wish to apply Thm 6.2.7, but it requires diff. on whole interval, so prove directly by MVT instead.

Finally,  $a > b > 0 \Rightarrow \frac{a}{b} > 1$

and so  $f\left(\frac{a}{b}\right) < 1$ ,

$$\text{i.e. } \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^{\frac{1}{n}} - \left(\frac{a}{b} - 1\right)^{\frac{1}{n}} < 1$$

$$\Leftrightarrow a^{\frac{1}{n}} - b^{\frac{1}{n}} < (a-b)^{\frac{1}{n}}$$

### Example (§6.2 Ex 10)

Let  $g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be defined by

$$g(x) := \begin{cases} x + 2x^2 \sin(1/x) & \text{for } x \neq 0 \\ 0 & \text{for } x = 0. \end{cases}$$

Show that  $g'(0) = 1$ , but in every neighbourhood of 0  $g'(x)$  takes on both +ve and -ve values.

Thus  $g$  is NOT monotonic in any neighbourhood of 0.

Ans:  $x \neq 0$ : By chain rule and product rule,

$$\begin{aligned} g'(x) &= 1 + 4x \sin(1/x) + 2x^2 \cos(1/x) (-x^{-2}) \\ &= 1 + 4x \sin(1/x) - 2 \cos(1/x) \end{aligned}$$

$$x = 0: \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{g(x) - g(0)}{x - 0} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (1 + 2x \sin(1/x)) = 1 \text{ by Squeeze Thm}$$

So  $g'(x)$  exists  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}$ , i.e.  $g$  is diff.  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Now  $g'(0) = 1$ .

Want:  $x_n, y_n \rightarrow 0$  s.t.  $\cos(1/x_n) = 1$ ,  $\cos(1/y_n) = -1$ .

$$\text{Let } x_n = \frac{1}{2n\pi}, \quad y_n = \frac{1}{(2n+1)\pi}$$

$$\text{Then } g'(x_n) = 1 + 0 - 2 = -1$$

$$g'(y_n) = 1 + 0 + 2 = 3$$

Since  $x_n, y_n \rightarrow 0$ , so  $g'(x)$  takes on both +ve and -ve values in every nbhd of 0.

The last assertion follows immediately from Thm 6.2.7. //